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SUBJECT: REMAINS OF NAUMANN ELEPHANT

1. ANTHROPOLOGICAL EVENT (ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIND) IN
JAPAN: MORE THAN 90 FOSSILIZED BONES FROM TWO NAUMANN
ELEPHANTS, WERE EXCAVATED IN TOKYO, FEBRUARY 29 TO MARCH 4.

2. THE BONES INCLUDE SHOULDER BLADES AND THOSE OF UPPER
AND LOWER JAWS, THIGHS, LOWER LEGS AND FEET. FOSSILS WERE
FOUND 22 METERS UNDERGROUND IN CENTER OF TOKYO.

3. ONE OF JAWBONES, WEIGHING ABOUT 6 KILOGRAMS, HAD TEETH
MEASURING ABOUT 18 CENTIMETERS IN LENGTH AND A MAXIMUM OF
7 CENTIMETERS IN WIDTH. EVEN GUMS HAD BEEN FOSSILIZED AND
WERE PERFECTLY PRESERVED. SEVERAL OTHER SMALL FOSSILIZED
REMAINS OF THE ELEPHANT WERE DISCOVERED AT SITE.
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